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Diplomats give different versions of Middle-East crisis

Iraqi ambassador says Israeli-American lobbyists are responsible for threat of U.S. military intervention in Persian Gulf situation

by Alec Zacaroli

Asst. News Editor

The Israeli-American lobby — not oil, Kuwaiti sovereignty or the protection of Saudi Arabia — is the reason the United States has become militarily involved in the Iraqi-Kuwaiti crisis, said Mohamed Al-Mashat, Iraqi ambassador to the United States.

Al-Mashat spoke before approximately 550 people Tuesday night in Fonger Hall. The event was sponsored by the GW Program Board Political Affairs Committee.

Al-Mashat said since the events of 1989 marking the end of the Cold War, the United States has been looking for an enemy. "That enemy of Iraq was created by the Israelis of this country," he said.

"Israel doesn't want peace. Israel is built upon building a greater Israel," Al-Mashat said. While Israel refuses to talk about withdrawal from Palestine, the United States is "holding the gun on our heads, saying now you withdraw or else without negotiation. For Israel, it's okay," he said.

Since Israelis know Iraq is going to oppose Israeli expansionism, Al-Mashat said, Iraq has to block, curtail and destroy any country that has the potential to arrest and block Israeli expansionism.

"Iraq has the potential (to destroy Israeli expansionism), Iraq has the will," he said.

Israelis persuaded the Reagan administration to side with them to create a schism in Arab countries, he said, adding that Israel also used the media to promote anti-Iraqi sentiment in the United States as a "prelude to attack Iraq once more."

"When Iraq took military action against Kuwait, all of this lobby and



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IRAQI AMBASSADOR DEFENDS invasion of Kuwait.

influence began to (be directed) against Iraq . . . to send American troops under the (pretense) that the United States' interest is at stake, and ever since (the Israelis) are pushing the United States to attack Iraq," Al-Mashat said.

He said Iraq's reasons for invading Kuwait are that Iraq has a historical claim on Kuwait, and Iraq sees Kuwait as "waging an economic war on Iraq" by violating an oil production quota set by OPEC. Iraq, he said, was in severe debt as a result of the eight-year Iran-Iraq war and was simultaneously hit by a drop in oil prices caused by Kuwait's overproduction of oil.

"When you overproduce, you are going to have a glut in the market and oil prices will drop," he said, adding that for every dollar per barrel oil prices dropped, Iraq lost \$1 billion per year.

The result of this, he said, was a \$7 billion loss created by a 1989 fall in oil prices from \$19 per barrel to \$11 per barrel.

Al-Mashat said Kuwait helped Iraq during the war with Iran, but as soon as a cease-fire was enacted, Kuwait withdrew all aid to Iraq. "(The Kuwaitis) don't need the money. They have fabulous investments . . . \$400 billion invested abroad," he said.

While Iraq was busy fighting Iran, he said, Kuwait was siphoning Iraqi oil. In addressing the situation of U.S. hostages in Iraq, Al-Mashat quoted an Oct. 2 article in the Dallas Times-Herald. "Hussein has said that if the United States will publicly pledge not to attack Iraq, he will release the men.

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Kuwaiti ambassador calls Iraqi invasion worst violation of human rights since 1930s

by Anastasia Benshoff

Asst. News Editor

Never since the 1930s has the world experienced violations of international law and human rights similar to those committed against Kuwait by the Iraqis, Kuwaiti Ambassador to the United States Sheikh Saud Nassir Al-Sabah said in a speech Monday in the Marvin Center.

"There is no doubt in the minds of everybody . . . these acts can never be forgiven," he said.

Approximately 500 people attended the speech, sponsored by GW Students for Kuwait and the GW Program Board.

Al-Sabah has served as ambassador to the United States since 1981 and is also the non-resident ambassador to Canada and Venezuela. He has served in Kuwait's Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1969.

Al-Sabah said he particularly condemns Iraqi propaganda and misinformation about the invasion. The Iraqis are attempting to hide atrocities inside Kuwait — systematic executions, shooting of children, raping of women and looting of private homes and institutions, he said. "Every single person who has been out of Kuwait has testified to this," he added.

"Many may try to lead you to believe this is only an Arab situation, an Arab problem to be solved by an Arab solution. Everyone has condemned Iraq, therefore anyone trying to sell this idea is trying to buy time . . . universities, hospitals (and) homes are being destroyed and people are being displaced," Al-Sabah said.

The Iraqis tried to convince the world they were invited by revolutionary government in Kuwait, Al-Sabah said. "When (the Iraqis) came in they could not find a single Kuwaiti national that was willing to cooperate," he said.

After unsuccessfully trying to set

up a puppet government, Iraqis claimed that Kuwait had always been part of their country, he said. "That statement is an insult to the intelligence of scholars, historians and civilized people around the world. Kuwait was never . . . and could never be part of Iraq," he said.

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Before his speech, Kuwaiti Ambassador to the United States Sheikh Saud Nassir Al-Sabah said he thought it was particularly important to speak to all students because they are the future of politics. Here's what two Kuwaiti students stranded in the United States because of the invasion had to say:

"The questions (people asked the Kuwaiti ambassador) came from anger. No one wanted to listen. I don't think the people who asked the questions were listening to the answers."

"This is a one-to-one, one man war. The Iraqis didn't want to invade Kuwait, Saddam Hussein did." Adla Al-Sharhan is a junior at Trinity College. She has not been in Kuwait since July 17. She said she will have to wait one year after the end of Iraqi occupation to return home.

"No one asked, 'How does he think things will be after liberation?' We believe we are going back to Kuwait. How are we going to rebuild?"

"I think his speech is important to clear things up for students who have been misinformed by other students and the media."

"I feel shame for the Iraqi ambassador."

Khuloud Al-Mutairi is a freshman at Georgetown University. She was stranded in the United States during an exchange program this summer.

-Anastasia Benshoff

Student protest interrupts speech

by Alec Zacaroli

Asst. News Editor

GW student organizations and individuals protesting Iraq's decision to hold hostages tried to disrupt a speech given Tuesday night by Mohamed Al-Mashat, Iraq's ambassador to the United States.

At one point during the speech, at approximately 8:45 p.m., an unidentified individual pulled a fire alarm in Fonger Hall, temporarily disrupting the speech.

After the speech, as the ambassador attempted to leave via the parking lot adjacent to Fonger Hall, protestors surrounded the car. A few students threw objects at the car, while others struck it with their hands.

The student groups involved in the protest were the GW Young Americans for Freedom and the GW Students for Kuwait. Two students attached a bumper sticker reading "Free Kuwait" to the ambassador's car. The sticker was removed by GW Program Board members.

YAF Vice Chairman Chris Robinson said his organization was "indirectly involved" with the bumper sticker incident, but had nothing to do with pulling the fire alarm. "All YAF members were outside of the building" when the alarm was pulled, Robinson said, adding, "YAF would never do that to someone else's event."

Robinson said YAF was involved in the incident in which protestors surrounded the ambassador's car, but added that none of its members threw anything or struck the automobile. "That became a lot of individuals under our leadership," Robinson said.

Once inside the building, Al-Mashat expressed his disappointment with the protestors, saying, "If this is permissible, it should not be in an academic surrounding. What I see from outside was an emotional demonstration which will change what I was planning to start my lecture with."

University Police Inspector J.D. Harwell said security has no leads as to who pulled the fire alarm.

PB Political Affairs Chair Bret Caldwell, the event coordinator, said he thought the alarm was pulled by a disgruntled protestor who could not get into the event. He said he is disappointed with the way some of the people who could not get into the event acted. "They were unruly and did not respect the people at the event," he said.

"We weren't exactly happy with the way the Program Board handled (the event)," Robinson said, adding PB used students to police the function rather than University

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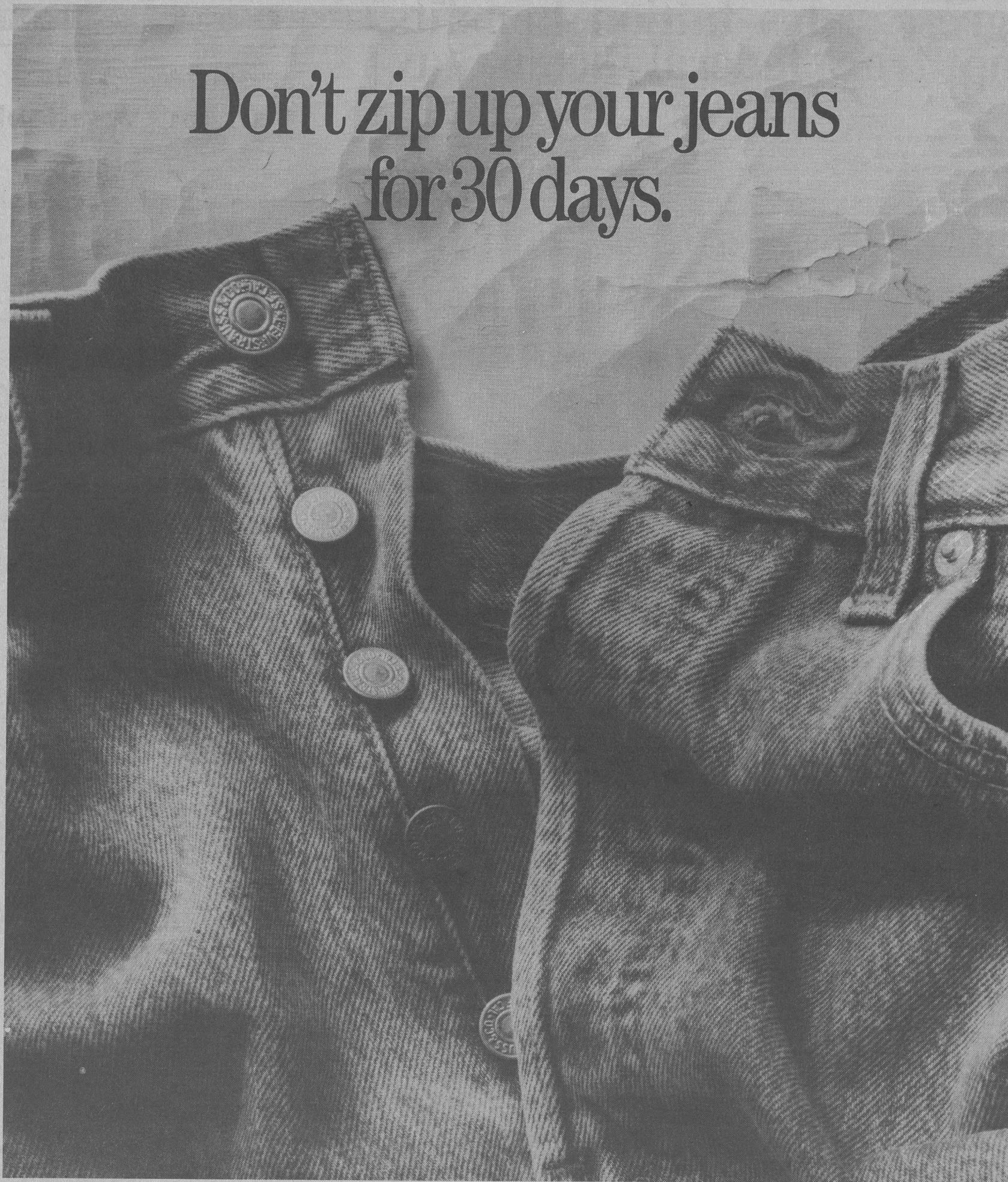
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Congress votes tuition benefits exempt from federal income tax

by Debbie Solomon

Hatchet Staff Writer

Undergraduate and graduate tuition benefits will be exempt from federal income taxes, according to the new budget proposal Congress approved Oct. 27. The new budget will also reform the federal student loan program and raise taxes on alcohol and gas.

Since 1988, the federal government has required graduate students who have full tuition benefits to pay taxes on the tuition benefits they received. The taxes were taken from the students' salaries and placed a large strain on some students, according to Grace Nogan, executive associate of GW's Engineering School of Applied Sciences and member of the Graduate Student Initiative, a group of graduate students who have been trying to get full tuition benefits renewed for the past two years, she said.

"It even caused a few people to drop out of graduate school because they couldn't afford it," Nogan said. "It takes a large sum of money away from your paycheck."

The new bill makes the tuition tax exemptions retroactive to Sept. 30, 1990, when the bill authorizing undergraduate exemptions expired. It will remain valid until Dec. 31, 1991, according to the Oct. 29 issue of the American University Eagle.

Nogan said she is happy with the new budget. "I'm so thrilled that Congress passed this new budget. It's a major advancement. I think it makes a lot of sense considering that Bush says he is the education president," she said.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg also said he is pleased with the new budget. "It shows that Congress recognizes how important education is," he said, adding that the bill provides some relief for students.

"It will allow students to pick a University because of its program, not because of its price tag," Trachtenberg added.

Using several different methods, the budget will also cut nearly \$1.7 billion from federal student loan programs

during the next five years. This includes eliminating students from the program who attend schools with loan repayment default rates of more than 35 percent, having a 30-day waiting period before obtaining a loan and requiring students without high school diplomas or GEDs to pass a test in order to receive federal assistance.

"This is unfortunate," Trachtenberg said. "We are going to have to scramble to use our own resources. GW is pumping its financial aid resources, and we're going to have to go back to the drawing board in order to accommodate everyone."

Along with this major cut in student loan programs, students will now also have to pay increased taxes on a number of goods such as alcohol and gasoline. The tax on beer will be raised 16 cents per six-pack, gas will increase by five cents per gallon, cigarettes will increase four cents a pack and airplane fares will go up two percent, according to the Eagle.

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EDITORIALS

A diplomatic reception

The Middle East situation hit home this week as the Iraqi and Kuwaiti ambassadors made appearances at GW.

The Program Board is to be commended again for bringing controversy to campus. The events were topical, well-publicized and well-attended. It was GW at its best.

Unfortunately, these events also showed GW at its worst.

Fire alarms, chaotic protests and other disruptions caused a great deal of anxiety and embarrassment for all those involved in the Iraqi ambassador's speech.

In particular, many students under the leadership of Young Americans for Freedom showed little taste or maturity as they taunted the speaker before, during and after the event. YAF should remember that one year ago they were the first to complain when they sponsored a speech by Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) — well-known for his controversial, anti-homosexual views — and GW students harassed him and tried to prevent him from speaking. YAF, if any group, should know that even if you disagree with what someone says, they have a right to say it and other students have a right to hear it.

Aside from GW's professional protest team, another shocker was the behavior of our own University President at the Kuwaiti ambassador's speech. Trachtenberg looked bored, disinterested and distracted while sitting on stage.

His introduction of the ambassador seemed unprepared and stilted, and he abruptly left the stage in the middle of the speech. Through his actions, President Trachtenberg embarrassed many students. He clearly was not up to the task of attending this event — let alone introducing the main speaker.

Fortunately, the behavior of some members of the GW community did not completely discredit these programs which brought publicity and stature to our University.

Cleaning house

Americans can breathe a sigh of relief. The election of 1990 is over.

Voters said they would "throw the bums out," but most of us ended up keeping the same old bums. There are a few changes worth noting, however.

Sharon Pratt Dixon's record landslide represents a change for the better. This was an important election for the District and residents gave her a mandate to clean house. The results give us hope that she can actually do something to make cleaning house in the District a reality and not just a slogan.

Even more inspiring was the voters' rejection of former Mayor Marion Barry's candidacy for an at-large seat on the City Council. Barry asked for one more chance and the voters, to their credit, said no.

Victories for Ann Richards in Texas and Lawton Chiles in Florida gave some hope for Democrats. Issues such as the budget, taxes and abortion turned to their favor, making the prospects for a competitive race for president in 1992 plausible against the once-popular George Bush.

Republicans also had bragging rights — hanging on to the governorship in California and picking up Massachusetts' state house.

Even independents had reason to be happy, with a divergent set of candidates running and winning in Vermont's House, and Alaska's and Connecticut's gubernatorial races.

Conservatives mourned as the voters continued to truncate the government, with Democrats dominating the Congress and the governorships. Their only bright spot was in North Carolina, as the godfather of the conservative movement, Jesse Helms, much to our disappointment, defeated Harvey Gantt.

Though re-election rates were high, politicians have reason to be nervous. Close calls in New Jersey for Bill Bradley and for Newt Gingrich in Georgia show that voters are making sure even politicians with national recognition still have to keep an eye on matters close to home.

Americans say they want to clean house, but didn't in 1990. But based on some of the returns, they may have laid the groundwork for the sort of housecleaning needed in 1992.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ill-mannered

I don't know if any of you reading this went to see the Kuwaiti Ambassador speak on Monday, but I hope those of you who were there were revolted in the way GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg behaved. I don't know, but I don't think you need to go to etiquette school to know that if you have a guest speaker, and you happen to be sitting on the stage and representing a whole university, you just don't walk off while the guest is still speaking.

I could not believe that he could be this tacky and ill-mannered. I certainly hope this was not a reaction to his opinion of the Gulf Crisis.

You want to hear the best part? Guess who was first in line to eat the food that was provided by the Students for Kuwait? That's right! Mr. Trachtenberg. I mean, let alone the fact that he was not dressed for the occasion, or the fact that he acted bored as hell, but couldn't he have had dinner or a bite to eat before going to the lecture? I guess he looked at it as a "free meal."

I'm sure that if the American Ambassador to Kuwait went to give a lecture at "Kuwait University" the president of that university would not just walk off the platform while the guest was still speaking.

Is this a president we want to have representing our school? Think about it for a moment... I rest my case.

-Fadwa Ghannoum

Major changes

I am a political science major and a women's studies minor, but this is not my first choice. I write this in hope that the University will act on the wishes of a significant number of students who want a women's studies department.

GW has a women's studies program. When will this institution acknowledge that we need a department? Let me note the difference for students who do not know them.

Program: graduate degree; undergraduate minor; great part-time professors; one great full-time professor; excellent courses; little space; interested, enthusiastic students; no money.

Department: undergraduate major; more full-time professors; more faculty, status and choice for students; more interested, enthusiastic students; grants; more money; graduate assistantships; scholarships; tenure-track professors; more classes.

The women's studies classes are the best I've had at GW. They stress free thinking, creativity, analysis, questioning, independence, listening and speaking skills, as well as exploration of ideas, concepts and different ways of doing things. Furthermore, I am broadening my horizons with respect to women's history and philosophy, sociology, religion, psychology, economics, geography, sexuality, literature and politics — knowledge I should be gaining in my core curriculum courses but am not.

Women's studies also provides a place and space for women to be heard — not be cut off, ignored, discriminated against or degraded in any manner. You may say, "Well, that's the real world." I say it is time for women to learn about themselves and learn skills to help create their own realities. Give us — tuition-paying students — a women's studies department.

-Margery Mazie

True philosophy

This letter is in response to Allan Mantell's Oct. 29 letter, "Answers to the Philosophy Question."

In his letter, Mr. Mantell implies a dichotomy between philosophy and practicality. He questions the possibility of attaining any truth about reality. He suggests that we "come out of the closet and admit that there is no truth to philosophy." And he concludes by admitting to be an "extreme" skeptic.

All of what he says is surely true of most philosophies, but not true of philosophy as such. There is no inherent dichotomy between philosophy and practicality. A good philosophy must be practicable — one that is not should be abandoned. And, contrary to David Hume, truth about reality is obtainable.

Regarding his comment about being an "extreme" skeptic: skepticism holds that knowledge is impossible, that there can be no certainty. I take "extreme"

skepticism to mean that he is absolutely certain that there can be no certainty. But this statement applies to itself, so Mr. Mantell can not be certain that certainty is impossible, so maybe there can be certainty.

There is a philosophy which discards all the above nonsense. It is practical and it upholds truth and certain knowledge. It is Ayn Rand's philosophy — objectivism.

I invite Mr. Mantell and anyone else to stop by Marvin Center 421, where they can learn more about the remedy to today's philosophic confusion.

-Jon Letendre, president
-GW Objectivist Club

Comparing plights

Todd Dreyfus couldn't have intended to express the blatant prejudice that his opinion piece of Oct. 29 portrayed.

To compare the plights of Chinese, Jewish and other ethnic immigrants to that of blacks is mistakenly insensitive. It's like comparing the victims of an earthquake to those of a sandstorm.

African-Americans had no choice when they came to America. They did not come of their own free will, nor in an attempt to escape repression at home. Once here, the African-American was denied of community, family and livelihood.

To survive, Jewish or Italian immigrants could take two jobs to survive or even change names to escape persecution from a racist mob.

I know of few Africans afforded of these luxuries upon arrival.

There are sufficient members of all races that could be blamed. While that does little good, ignoring the situation is even worse.

My late grandfather was a Jewish immigrant from Russia in 1916. My grandmother is an African-American who has lived her entire life in Harlem, N.Y.

You could not measure either one's pride and wisdom by the length of a football field, but the opportunity afforded my grandmother by society because of her race was stunted at kickoff.

-Jordan Pearlman

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OPINION

Reading George Bush's lips, quips, trips and slips

In 1987, George Bush launched his "Read my lips" campaign for president. Since that proclamation, we've read his trips, tips, slips, blips, clips, flips and most recently his hips.

Quite frankly, I think America has been through enough with George Bush. If he were a book, he wouldn't be a best-seller. Not surprisingly, *Millie's Book*, the memoirs of the Springer spaniel's days in the White House, is number two on the best-seller's list.

George Bush, a man on a "mission," has burned out the last of his thousand points of light. The president promised America a fiscal program with no new taxes — this "read-my-lips" slogan propelled his 1988 presidential campaign. Two years later, Bush has adopted an alternative and adroit term, "revenue raisers." And the self-described "education president" is proposing to slash federal spending for education by three percent.

Apparently, Mr. Bush's idea of education is a four-year lesson in lip reading.

In August, President Bush deployed more than 100,000 troops to the Middle East. With the nation fearing the prospect of war, George ventured to Camp David to play golf — shooting a nine over par — and then to Maine, where he went fishing for several days. When the country turned to the news for an update on the American soldiers and hostages, Mr. Bush informed them that he had caught three bluefish.

And how many times have we heard the phrase, "He's only a heartbeat away from the presidency?" Welcome Dan Quayle, a comedian's dream. He could be depicted giving candy to the Ku Klux Klan members marching in front of the White House — mistaking them as trick or treaters. Quayle's popularity rivals such notoriety as Tammy Faye Baker, Al Sharpton and Buddy Ryan. But Dan doesn't believe in polls. Look for him to be enrolling in the National Guard Underwater Fire Prevention program for Veteran's Day.

Getting back to reading George Bush's lips, flips and trips: he called for

national unity in wartime using a rally-round-the-president approach. Yet, Bush openly condemns Congress and publicly denounces the Democratic Party day in and day out. Undoubtedly, Bush has become more capricious and testy since his glory days as vice presi-

Andrew Kirschner

dent. "When are you going to understand, we're not there for oil," he peevishly uttered at a recent speaking engagement.

Personally, I believe he's still a little annoyed at the wimp factor which overshadowed his presidency. President Bush always offers insightful tips to the American people. "Gotta be prudent." Return to "normalcy." And keep away from broccoli. Now these are the things America needs to know. The broccoli story ranks up there with Ronald "I

don't recall" Reagan's love for jelly beans.

The president shocked the nation when he introduced a bill which would actually lower taxes for the upper class millionaires by up to seven percent. Once again it's a simple case of George's "Every Man For Himself" economics at work.

The Coalition for Democratic Values states it best in its plea to "Send a message to President Bush and his elite crowd. Tell them to send the bill for the 80s to the people who had the party. Not to the hard working, hard-pressed middle class families. Not to the poor. Not to senior citizens and certainly not to our children."

Our president has flipped himself into a state of utter confusion. It is evident that not even George Bush knows where George Bush stands on many issues. While recently jogging, Mr. Bush fielded reporter's questions about taxes by replying, "Read my hips" and pointing to his buttocks. As the Democrats snickered, you can kiss your hips goodbye.

George Bush is the David Copperfield of politics, a true believer in the world of magic. Everything, even the deficit, he asserts, will fall into place. By what, osmosis?

The Middle East dilemma has overshadowed the savings and loan crisis, which America will be paying for a long time after the Middle East situation is resolved. In the meantime, George Bush will remain the Steven Spielberg of American politics, producing military action like major motion pictures.

Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Shield — America awaits the concluding episode of this trilogy.

If we, the American people, do not vote, do not actively seek improvements at all levels of government and continue to sit on a log like a herd of parochials, we will face Operation Recession: The Final Chapter.

Unfortunately, when Mr. Bush told America to read his lips, he forgot to take into consideration that more than 15 percent of America is illiterate.

Andrew Kirschner is a sophomore majoring in political science.

Where do University priorities lie?

In the Oct. 22 issue of The GW Hatchet, the University was reportedly ranked in the second quartile of colleges and universities across the United States.

In response to this, President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg's response was one of optimism. He said the University is striving to someday become a part of the first quartile. However, when looking at the manner in which the University is attempting to do this, it is clear that certain drastic changes are in order.

While athletics help bring revenue to the University, they do nothing for its scholastic reputation. Schools are judged not by their final rankings in the NCAA, but by their academic excellence and the accomplishments of their alumni. If the University wishes to become one of the elite institutions in this country, emphasis must be placed on academic programs. Programs such as Technology and Society, which focuses on the relevance of computers in contemporary society; Politics and Values, which stresses a deeper understanding of our political system and Roots of Western Civilization, which seeks to explore our cultural background, are assisting in the molding of socially aware and well-rounded citizens. All of these residential programs require an application and interview for consideration, thus increasing the quality of their participants.

In contrast to the process

mentioned above, the University offers incentives to students with athletic abilities. The existence of scholarships encourages students to participate in various activities on campus such as athletics and cheerleading. While these are vital to the spirit of GW, they are not as important as the aforementioned academic programs which distinguish the University from others.

Diane S. Bartoli

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When asked whether the students involved in the residential programs should receive any kind of recognition or benefit, like a scholarship, for their extra commitment, President Trachtenberg responded that these students received "the extra benefit of experience, wisdom and learning." While advantages such as these are certainly useful, we believe more should be provided by the University.

Not only do athletes enjoy the benefits of teamwork, competition and physical fitness, they also receive monetary rewards from the University.

In reviewing answers given in an interview for the Technology and Society newsletter, it is quite evident

that President Trachtenberg and the University in general are not aware of the program's goals. When asked to articulate his opinion of the program, he responded, "It's a good idea." Moreover, he demonstrated general apathy toward the future of the program and whether additional funding would be available. To both topics he responded, "It's not in my department."

We assume that as president, Trachtenberg would consider the entire University "his department."

Instead of allocating funds to such influential programs, Trachtenberg has deemed it necessary to purchase a double-decker Colonials bus. Furthermore, the University has wasted time and money renaming the school from George Washington University to The George Washington University and on improving its logo.

The epitome of this situation is the funds going toward graduating students' personalized bricks. We hope the University will come to its senses and focus its energy and resources on relevant issues. Only then will the University be considered part of the first quartile of colleges and universities in the country.

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Organization leaders must combat apathy

"Ignorant slugs" is what Joel Weiden called the students of GW in his Nov. 1 editorial, "Help eliminate GW's apathy: get involved." I would like to refute the charges he made because they simply are not true.

Mr. Weiden said that apathy had sickened him to the point of nausea. He also went as far as to ask, "Why are the majority of the students disinterested?" Mr. Weiden, you need not get sick, the students of GW are interested in their surroundings. The problem is that students believe that leaders on campus are not interested in them.

Organizations are the reflection of those who run them. If an organization's sole purpose is to provide a resume entry, then nothing will come of the organization. If an organization publicizes, personally informs, and, most importantly, involves its members in keeping the organization running, it will succeed.

The goal of most of the more issue-focused groups on campus is the latter. Groups like Students for Environmental Action, Progressive Student Union, Women's Issues Now, Young Americans for Freedom and the Lesbian and Gay Peoples Alliance have a specific constituency to whom they appeal. Their groups have many active members because they interact with and involve them in activities. I don't hear these groups complaining about disinterest.

Democrats, do have a problem with disinterest. However, the disinterest in these two groups is more of a national problem. People across the nation are accepting party labels but dislike committees and leaders. This is the problem at GW.

Additionally, students dislike the GW leaders because they don't inform and involve. Yes, the CRs and CDs hold programming and invite people to become involved, but they don't actively offer and go after involved students. The group leaders should be

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offering a forum to their memberships dedicated only to the memberships' views and opinions on the issues — minus a speaker.

Mr. Weiden, you may be surprised by how informed most students are. The leaders of these two groups should go after their membership and acknowledge them by physical recognition, not just as a number on paper.

What will it take to get people involved, Mr. Weiden? Group leaders from big and small groups getting involved and interested in who populates GW is your answer. Ignorant slugs? I think not.

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The two broad-based groups, the College Republicans and the College

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OPINION

Trials and tribulations of living in the Riverside Hall death trap

Surprise! It's another complaint about GW. Normally, I let my frustration with this school pass without making it a public matter. In this case, however, I'm reminded to write about it every day.

I live in Riverside Hall, one of the most expensive residence halls on campus and supposedly one of the best. Well, to those who don't live in Riverside, I have some advice: stay as far away from it as you can.

Coming near Riverside is actually a health risk. Currently, there is an extensive construction project underway. I cannot tell you exactly what the construction workers are trying to accomplish, but they spend an awful lot of time suspended on the scaffolding outside my window.

The health hazards I've encountered since I've moved into Riverside this year are numerous. Last evening, for example, as I was leaving the building, two people thankfully cautioned me not to trip on a huge sheet of wire mesh laying across the sidewalk. As I walked on, they remained at the corner to warn an innocent businessman of the invisible trap. This incident was minor, however, compared to two weeks ago, when we couldn't use the sidewalk at all. As you may already know, Riverside faces Virginia Avenue, a very busy main street. The sidewalk had been thoroughly blocked off, supposedly due to construction.

Consequently, every time residents entered or left the building, we had to check for oncoming traffic, pray and make a run for it down the narrow street. I am amazed that with the threat of liability, this went on for a week. But the worst part is that I can honestly say I never saw anyone working between the barricades on the sidewalk during that time.

In addition to the frequently changing hazards presented by the construction work, there are some more general dangers to living in the area. On my way back from the Metro the other day, the three-foot structure that encloses the

"On my way back from the Metro the other day, the three-foot structure that encloses the light bulb on the lamp post in front of Riverside came crashing down next to me and shattered into pieces."

Wendy Erwin

light bulb on the lamp post in front of Riverside came crashing down next to me and shattered into pieces. (I saved the biggest piece, to remind myself of my mortality. My roommate is trying to

think of an artistic way to display it.)

GW is lucky it did not hit me, since, if I had lost an eye or incurred brain damage, I would likely have taken legal action. But, then, GW doesn't seem concerned with liability, considering all the injury traps that are set up for its students.

There are some aspects of living in Riverside that are not necessarily dangerous, but extremely annoying. For example, there's always someone right outside my window, it seems, so I don't have to feel lonely when I'm changing my clothes or working out. A couple of them are out there now. I hope their feelings weren't hurt when I shut the blinds. (Although it didn't help much. Their presence is unforgettable by virtue of the noise alone.)

One afternoon, when I returned to my room, two men knocked on the window to advise me not to let the white cement powder produced by their work enter the room. It struck me that this overdue warning was in order, since the men wore surgical masks. But it was too late. We lived in a cloud for two days.

Perhaps the most irritating thing to my roommate and me is the relentless and horrendously loud noise that begins at 9 a.m. I wish our professors could take into consideration our unfit study/sleep/living conditions when they grade our midterms.

Well, it's time to put on some music that will match the rhythm I hear so clearly from outside, drag my clothes into the bathroom (which doesn't have windows) and after I've changed, walk outside to see what obstacles are in store for me today.

Oh, and I must remember to watch for falling objects while I am in the vicinity.

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Publicity and attention can only help the KKK

For the second time in the past few months, the Ku Klux Klan has inflamed racial tensions already dangerously on the upswing with a march designed to promulgate their views. And yet again, counter-demonstrators have challenged those views in full force.

It is certainly understandable why the KKK's presence generates such an enormous amount of friction. The group stands as the ultimate symbol for all those elements in society who wish to eliminate the progress made toward racial equality in the past few decades and return to a period of black oppression. The ideas they symbolize are so reprehensible that even a small number of people promoting that cause are able to produce a storm of public outcry. Indeed, their espousal of white supremacy and their desire to promote bigotry and intolerance as the legitimate American way of life are repugnant to most.

There is no question in my mind, or in the minds of most of my fellow citizens, that racism in all its forms is an evil which must be fervently combatted. However, it is of the utmost importance in these tense times for those engaged in this fight to take careful stock of their tactics. The methods employed by the counter-demonstrators in both recent KKK marches were clearly misguided. Those on the side of racial harmony or peace became barbarians. They carried sticks, threw bottles and stones, made threats and appeared angered when the police did not acquiesce to their desire to kill KKK members.

The counter-demonstrators showed themselves incapable of rising above the hatred. Instead, they partook of the hatred the KKK was serving, broke bread and had a feast.

Some might think this behavior is appropriate, or at least justifiable, considering the fact that the KKK initiated the confrontation by advocating the subjugation of an entire race of people. Shouldn't such evil

be challenged and attacked? Isn't it fair that those who want to impose suffering on others be subjected to violence and ridicule? In reality, no. However onerous the members of white supremacy movements are or how vile their message is, it is simply counterproductive to approach them the way the demonstrators have.

The KKK seeks — above all — attention and recognition. Doesn't it speak of a partial victory when only a small bus load of their members can send the city into a frenzy, the media into hyperactivity and generate the

Nancy Whelan

use of hundreds of thousands of dollars to be used in their protection? Furthermore, they seek legitimacy. They want to prove that blacks are unworthy of equal treatment and respect. When counter-demonstrators make threats while KKK members speak quietly on the steps of the Capitol, it only gives justification for the KKK's cause and further heightens their sense of superiority.

I'm not saying the KKK should be ignored in the hopes that they will go away. Direct physical and verbal confrontations, however, do no good in establishing the understanding and respect that must predate racial harmony. The realization of racial equality cannot be attained through passivity, nor can it be achieved through violence, physical or verbal.

These elements must be fought on a deeper and more positive level, with measures designed to demonstrate the KKK's ignorance. After all, as Buddha said, hatred will never cease through hatred. This is an unalterable law.

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MORE LETTERS

No smoking

Are smokers illiterate, or all they just completely inconsiderate?

Almost every day, without fail, as I'm sitting eating my lunch in the "No Smoking" section of Market Square, some jerk is smoking a cigarette. For the most part, they are polite when asked to extinguish their cigarette, but that isn't the point. "No Smoking" means just that. Please respect non-smokers' rights and keep your smoke where it belongs.

I never really thought it was that difficult to pick out which was the smoking section and the non-smoking section. I always felt they were pretty clearly marked. However, I have recently noticed that "No Smoking" signs are somewhat scarce. I think the Marvin Center should place more signs strategically around Market Square on walls and poles. The other step needs to be taken by students — respect others' rights and don't light up in the "No Smoking" section.

So remember, the "Smoking" section starts from the H Street side and ends at

about the beginning of the middle section — please keep your smoke there.

-Michael S. Rosen

More accessibility

I want to thank Ana Torres-Davis for her comments in the Nov. 5 issue of The GW Hatchet. The Office of Disabled Student Services was quite rightly taken to task for scheduling a Disability Awareness Week event in a room which is wheelchair-inaccessible. Ms. Torres-Davis' letter makes what is perhaps the most poignant statement of just what Disability Awareness Week is all about — in her words, a need to be more "aware of the unique circumstances of persons with disabilities."

It is well worth acknowledging that even those trained to be highly sensitive to the needs of disabled persons can forget. In the flurry of activity surrounding the organizing of the week's events, I neglected to remain aware of all types of disabilities which would require accommodation.

I learned of Ms. Torres-Davis' situation on the Tuesday following the program. I did apologize, I changed the location of the program scheduled for Wednesday and I offered to bring the guest speaker back to campus, so that Ms. Torres-Davis and others who may have been prevented from attending would have access to the information given during the program.

Finally, I want to support Ms. Torres-Davis in her desire to make GW's programs and services accessible. It would serve the University well to further its leadership role in creating exemplary standards of accessibility.

-Christy Willis, coordinator
-Disabled Student Services

Stop the abuse

If you walk around GW's campus, you will notice something that nearly all GW students have in common — we all use some kind of cosmetic or personal hygiene product. How do cosmetic companies determine what is safe? The answer is quite disturbing.

In general, these products are tested for "safety" on animals — rabbits, rats and mice, to name a few. But does this type of product safety testing actually make a product safe for you? The answer is no. In 1986, for example, the cases of human poison exposures were as follows: 104,546 cases due to cleaning products, 80,214 cases due to cosmetics and personal care products and 7,293 cases due to deodorizers and air fresheners. And there are a few outstanding reasons for the dubious nature of the results of product testing in animals. First is the nature of the two main forms of testing: the Draize and LD-50 (lethal dose 50 percent) acute toxicity tests. These tests are wasteful, unnecessary and unreliable. It is ludicrous to think that leaving a concentrated solution of nail polish remover or aftershave in a rabbit's eye for days on end has any relevancy to the safety of the product for human use. A rabbit's eye is significantly different than ours. It is equally as ludicrous to think that the process of injecting increasing doses of detergent into a group of rats until 50

percent of them die indicates any kind of safety parameters for humans.

In fact, the companies who make these products seem to agree that animal tests are unreliable because, in general, they ignore the results and rubber stamp the product as safe for distribution. The reasons for performing these tests are legal, not scientific. The companies want to insulate themselves from liability suits, even though animal testing is not required by law.

There are newer and better methods of product testing that are cheaper and more accurate, such as the Ames test, invitro testing and computer models. You can do your part by not buying into the lie that companies (such as Gillette, Mennen and L'Oreal) are perpetrating. There are reasonably priced alternatives at any health-food store (and in increasing numbers at grocery stores) which are both safe and do not perpetuate this wasteful process.

-David Nathanson, president
-GW Society for the Abolition
of Animal Research

Removal of posters angers student groups

by Wayne Milstead

Hatchet Staff Writer

Student groups' publicity posters are being removed from light poles shortly after being posted, according to GW Student Association Vice President for Public Relations Karen Waite.

Waite said she has received complaints from Women's Issues Now, the College Democrats, the College Republicans, the Program Board, the Interfraternity Council and some fraternity presidents that posters were not staying up long enough to get a response.

"This has been going on since October," she said. "We noticed that posters put out on Sunday and Wednesday were taken down the next day. I called (Physical Plant Director) Robert Burch to see what the problem was."

According to Waite, Burch said he would see that the poster removal would be stopped. "It stopped, but then it started again," she said.

Waite and representatives from the CDs, IFC and SA went out across the campus between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. last Thursday to find who was removing the posters, she said. One member of the group reported seeing a physical plant ground crew member tearing the posters down, Waite said.

Burch said taking posters down is part of PPD's responsibility. "We are keeping house for the University. Millions are spent each year for us to do this," he said. "The employee who was taking the posters down right after the groups put them up may be a little overzealous."

PPD will continue to take posters down from any place other than bulletin boards, Burch said. He explained that while many people put posters up, not many take them down. He said the entire responsibility to control the posters and the litter caused by them is PPD's responsibility.

"We are the only ones who remove things," Burch said, "so we have to spread it out. We can't do it on only one day. People need to realize they spend a lot of money on posters and they are taken down daily. I recommend they find another medium."

SA President Frank Petramale said posters are an important method of communication. "A lot of people go to the poles as a necessity to catch the eyes of students," he said.

Waite said campus light poles have become bulletin boards because of a lack of other places to post flyers. "The poles have been a place for student groups to go to advertise. When the poles were taken away, they felt a crunch," she said.

Burch said the posters become too cluttered and hard to read. "They are unsightly. One man's news is another man's ugliness. The posters are no real problem — we'll just deal with them," he said. The posters get most of the exposure needed if they are up most of the day, he added.

Waite said the SA checked District laws to see if posting on the light poles was illegal, and found no statutes prohibiting the poster.

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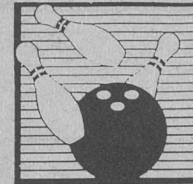


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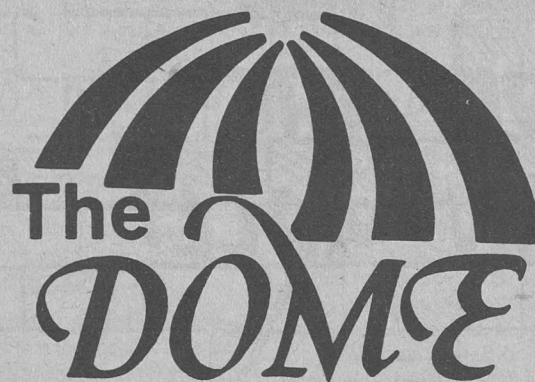
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"Everything we're doing is legal and the District allows it," she said.

Both Petramale and Waite said they thought the problem had been taken care of at this time.

"In the short term, our goal is to stop the taking down of the posters. In the long run, we hope to find a method to replace the light poles (as a place to poster)," Petramale said.

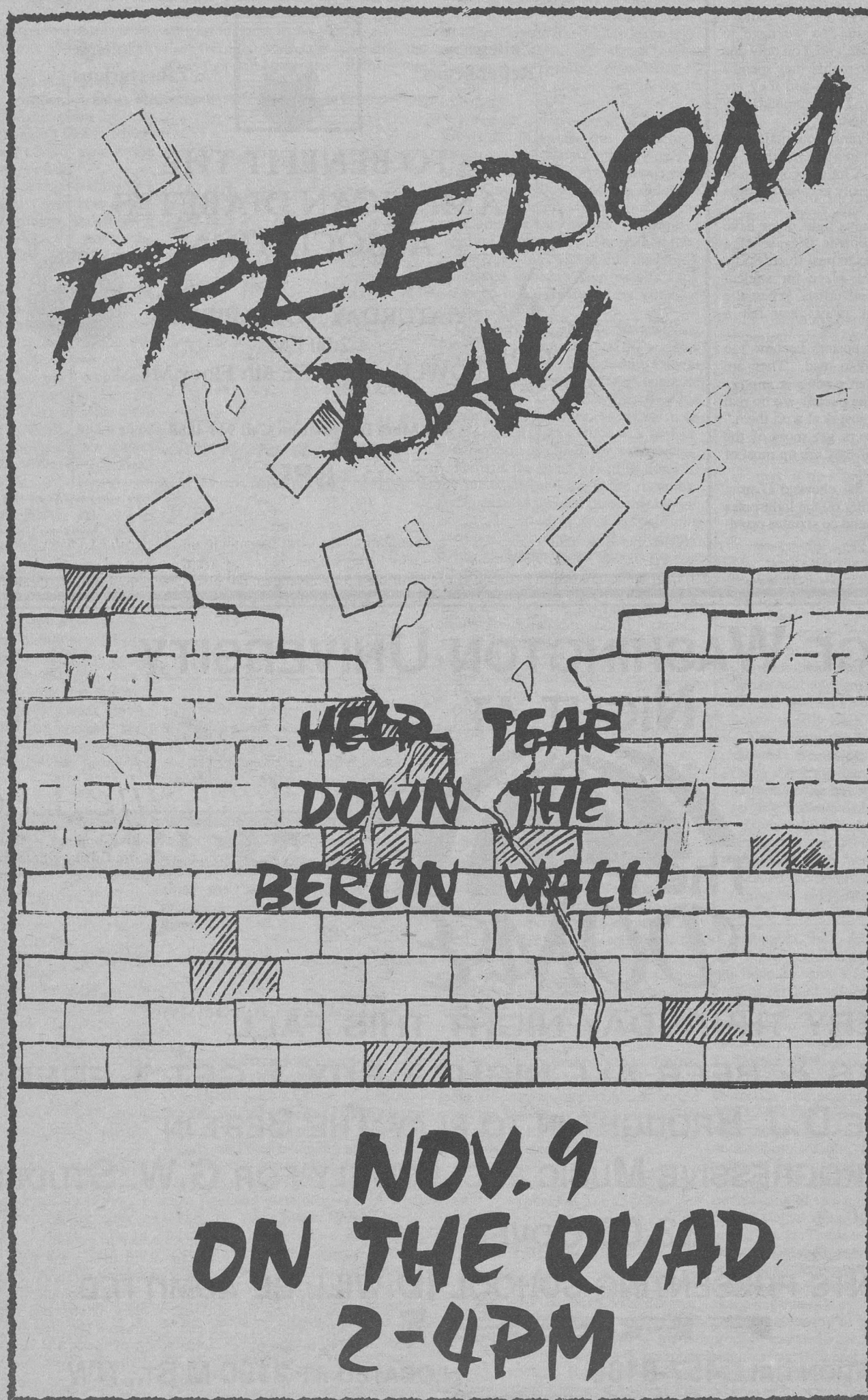
Burch said he is "cheerful" about the incident. "We don't see a poster as a poster. We see it as a piece of litter if it is not on a bulletin board. It's just routine for us."

Waite said groups shouldn't put posters on trees or buildings. "It is a campus rule not to put posters on University property, and I can understand that," she said, adding, "The poles are city property, though."

Waite and Petramale said they are encouraging student groups to remove outdated posters from the poles and throw them away instead of placing new posters over them. "One of the best solutions would be for the University to provide kiosks on every street corner," Waite said.

According to Waite, the SA is publishing a publicity handbook to help combat the problem of students posting in illegal places and causing litter.

"I don't believe posters on a pole is litter. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," Waite added.



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Police officers. "I don't know what authority PB had to use students as security," he said.

Caldwell said, "We had approximately 10 security guards, and it is not against University policy to use students' as security. He said YAF has done the same thing at its events.

"I think YAF is very keen on the idea of being the victim — this time they were the aggressor and they wanted to be the victim," Caldwell said, adding YAF broke University policy by disrupting the function.

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by Jeff Goldfarb

Understandable, however, is writer Bruce Joel Rubin's technique. He wants to say that sometimes reality and illusion are inseparable and the audience

Another failed technique employed by Rubin is how he seeks to apply a

The real nitty-gritty of *Jacob's Ladder* resides in the second half of the film, where the Vietnam theme rears its ugly head. It arises rather out of nowhere that the reason Jacob's life is like a bad acid trip is because that's just



Nonetheless, worthy of praise is Robbins' first dramatic performance after a series of comedic roles in *Cadillac Man* opposite Robin Williams, *Bull Durham* and *Erik the Viking*. Robbins has a Nicolas Cage type of wacky aura about him, allowing him to effectively

Overall grade: C

by Jeff Goldfarb

Deep, provocative stuff all the way. But not according to Rubin, who said, "His quote is a

Rubin also discussed some of the motivations and necessities for writing terror and depictions of fear. "You have to be willing to immerse yourself in it. You have to go into your own fear. My thinking is hold your breath for three minutes and you'll see what fear is. We have all these extraordinary attachments in our lives; they start with your attachments or your breathing and they're so unconscious and we take them all for granted. My feeling is don't take them for granted. The minute you start to give up your attachments or those fears, the minute you start to open up the fact that

"I tend to think the precognitive state is valuable to people and is ultimately probably the greatest gift to the human race," he said. "Every great leap forward in human endeavors has come

Only a paragraph's worth of ideas? Is he serious? This guy could write a book. Come to think of it, I hope he does.

ARTS & FEATURES

Simon's new rhythms find roots in Brazil

by Alec Zacaroli

Unlike his contemporaries, who so often wander to the burial grounds of cheese-pop love songs to keep pace with the changing musical world around them, Paul Simon has moved on from his folk duo days to create unique sounds from old roots.

He first did this with the *Graceland* album, absorbing and combining the raw and lively beat of the South African township with enough American influence to create a tame, yet in no way commercialized new music genre. He has done it again, only this time his search for a different sound took him to Brazil.

The Rhythm of the Saints, Simon's first album in four years, is characterized by a distinct flavor of obvious simplicity, usually clouded over by other synthesized, mass-produced music. Once again, he has gambled on being innovative in his latest creation rather than crush the risk of being overshadowed by his own music. And once again he is successful. Simon's latest work is a reflection of an artist devoted to his music, not his image.

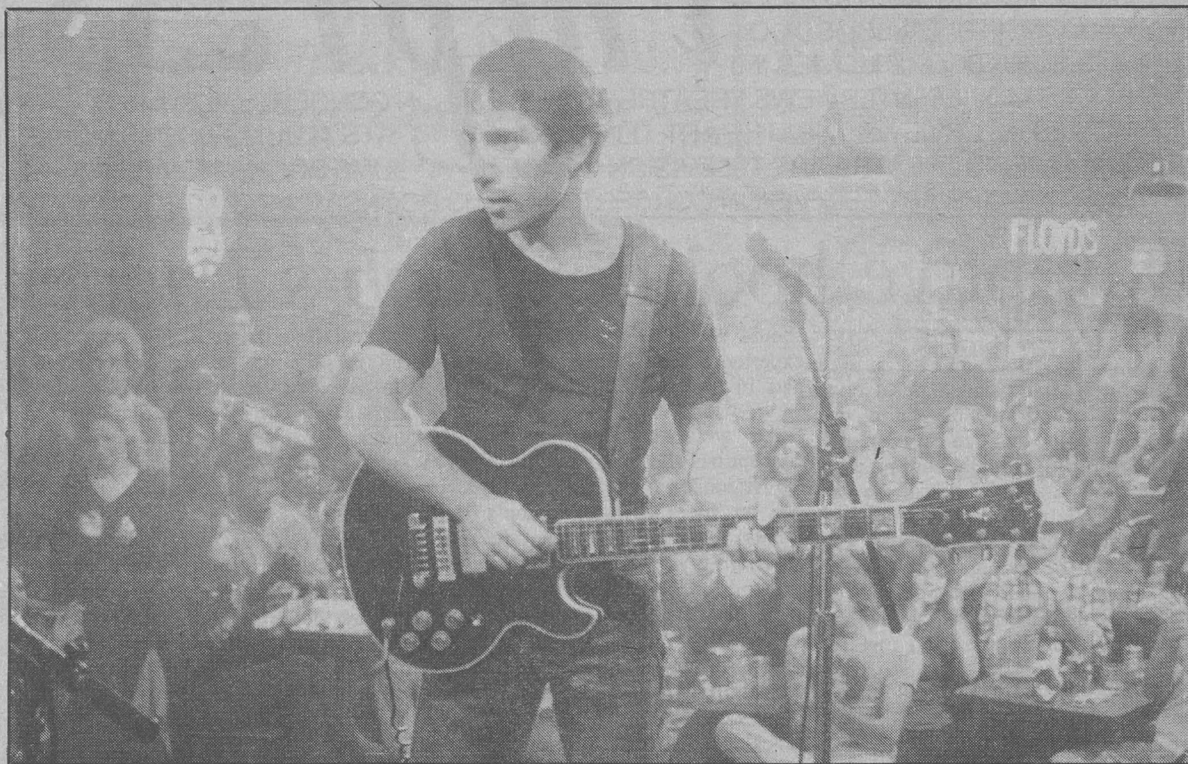
"Can't Run But," the second song on the first side of *Rhythm of the Saints*, addresses the world via a smooth and subtle beat, softly decorated with strands of guitar. Native Brazilian Mingo Araujo works in a talking drum that echoes the contemplative lyrics Simon dispels with an accusation-less voice. Simon addresses a variety of

topics such as environmental destruction with the lyrics, "A cooling system burns out in the Ukraine/ Trees and umbrellas protect us from the new rain," the prostitution of music with "Down by the bank a blues band arrives/The music suffers the music business thrives" and the mysticism of love with his lines, "Rubbing and doing that new dance/The man was wearing a jacket and jeans/The woman was laughing in advance."

Simon does not lose the familiar dance-inspiring sound that was so characteristic of *Graceland* in *Rhythm of the Saints*, especially in "The Coast." Like his other melodic creations, "You Can Call Me Al" and "Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes," "The Coast" captures the foot-tickling sound that inspires movement in even the most stolid of animals. It is a type of music not even a guard at Buckingham Palace could remain motionless and immune to.

Rhythm of the Saints is its own entity, however, and cannot be shaped to fit the same mold as *Graceland* or any of Simon's previous works. To say it is typical of Simon would be to say an occasional intelligent word is typical of Dan Quayle.

A number of familiar faces as well as some newcomers make an appearance on this album. The *grupo cultural*, Olodum, adds a rhythmic beat to "The Obvious Child." On another song, "Spirit Voices," Simon is aided by former King Crimson member Adrian Belew on synthesized guitar.



Hugh Masekela, one of the South African artists who played with Simon on the *Graceland* album, plays the flugelhorn on the song "Further to Fly." Also from that album, the band Ladysmith Black Mambazo contributes to the background vocals on "The Coast."

It's not Simon's old friends who make this album, however, but rather the intriguing sounds contributed by the various Brazilian artists. The vocals of Milton Nascimento, the percussion effects of Uakti and the talking drums of Olodum are but a few examples of

Brazilian magic drifting through this album.

Simon has been accused, in recording both *Graceland* and *Rhythm of the Saints*, of contributing to the rape of tender cultures by Western modern society. Bullshit. If the music he creates is considered exploitive in this manner, then Coca-Cola, Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonald's and a multitude of other companies should be considered completely destructive to the cultures they invade, buy out, process and sell back.

If anything, the efforts of Simon have helped educate America about the beauty of foreign places, and have aided in creating respect for places we may deem, but never admit, are more beautiful than our own.

Political implications aside, *Rhythm of the Saints* is a masterfully-blended canvas of music. Simon and friends capture the Brazilian tradition of poetry in music and music in poetry, creating an auditory film, a picture to be viewed with the ears.

Reversal of Fortune gives Close look to von Bulow trial

by Danielle Noll

Sunny von Bulow lies motionless on a hospital bed, her eyes closed as if asleep. Although her bodily functions continue, she remains in a coma caused by an overdose of insulin. Her husband, Claus von Bulow, has been convicted on two charges of assault with intent to murder Sunny on Dec. 26, 1979 and Dec. 20, 1980. von Bulow, however, maintains his innocence and attempts to reverse the jury's verdict.

Reversal of Fortune is an insightful drama that recreates the circumstances surrounding the actual events which occurred at the von Bulow's home in Newport, R.I., nearly a decade ago.

The film, which features Glenn Close as Sunny and Jeremy Irons as Claus von Bulow, first paints a picture of a marriage without love or passion — a marriage of convenience. von Bulow is portrayed as an evil, selfish man who lives on his wife's money and stands to inherit \$14 million of her fortune in the event of her death.

Mr. von Bulow hires Harvard law professor and attorney Alan Dershowitz (Ron Silver) to reverse the verdict and prove his innocence. But after reviewing his case, Dershowitz becomes convinced that von Bulow is, in fact, guilty. Dershowitz, however, decides to take the case and use it to teach his students an impor-

tant lesson: as defense lawyers, they will each have to defend a client and, regardless of their own opinions, convince a jury that their client is innocent.

As Dershowitz and his students tackle each aspect of the trial, examine the details of the crime and interview von Bulow, they discover

used in the trial, they discover that some of it was falsified. The students also find that Sunny's children from a previous marriage, Ala and Alexander, not only hired a private investigator to collect evidence against von Bulow, but also hired a prosecuting attorney to bring von Bulow to trial.

questions arise: Were Sunny's comas results of unsuccessful suicide attempts? Was von Bulow really responsible for the attempted murders? Did Sunny's children try to murder her and then frame von Bulow? Did von Bulow discover Sunny in an unconscious state and allow her to slip into a coma?

appeals court to reverse the jury's verdict, the tension in the courtroom seems to extend from the screen into the theatre, and the audience is anxious for the final decision.

Since the film is based on true incidents, the ending may come as no surprise, but the manner in which the tale unfolds separates this film from typical documentary-based movies which simply retell the facts.

Close appeals to the emotions of the audience through her excellent portrayal of a lonely woman whose life is sustained by drugs and alcohol. Irons' performance as a cold, emotionally detached husband is also compelling. However, Irons reveals a softer side of von Bulow when he explains his relationship with Sunny and reveals his true feelings of love for her.

While the emotional scenes tend to slow the otherwise rapid pace of the movie, Dershowitz's enthusiasm and passion keep the action moving. Silver's accurate portrayal as a lawyer who risks everything to prove his client's innocence enables the audience to feel the excitement of this suspenseful drama.

The thorough development of each character combined with witty dialogue and an often ironic tone provide depth to an otherwise common tale of destruction caused by greed and lust.

Overall grade: B+



Glenn Close and Jeremy Irons enjoy lunch with one cool cat.

important details about Sunny that were never brought before the jury — her drinking binges, drug abuse and mental instability.

Through the investigation, von Bulow — aside from his extramarital affairs — appears to genuinely care for Sunny. When the law students investigate the evidence

Director Barbet Schroeder first allows the audience to assume von Bulow is guilty and then describes the circumstances from another viewpoint, von Bulow's. This technique allows for the recreation of both viewpoints of the incidents at the von Bulow mansion, showing the complexity of the situation.

As each view is introduced, more

As Dershowitz's students ask themselves these questions, each possible solution is reenacted differently, enabling the audience to examine the validity of each scenario. This technique also draws the viewers into von Bulow's world of greed, hate and wealth. When it is finally time for Dershowitz to gather his information and convince an

ARTS & FEATURES

Dances With Wolves huffs and puffs and blows you away

by Chad Miller

Kevin Costner's first swing at directing in *Dances With Wolves* — which he also produced and starred in — is an excellent one by any standards, but his sights are a little overambitious. Set in the Great Plains of the 1860s, the film faces the daunting challenge of recreating man's sprawling emptiness and coexistence with nature, which vanishes soon after the arrival of the selfish white men from the East.

Costner and every member of the cast and crew rise over what could be a stumbling block for any film with astonishing success. It is imperative that the makers of *Dances With Wolves* do so since much grander thematic designs also exist in their minds. To compare the sweeping vitality of the cinematography here with that of David Lean's legendary *Lawrence of Arabia* is not at all out of line. But unlike the characters and plot of *Arabia*, the characters and plot here, unfortunately, are secondary to the scenery.

Besides Costner, and perhaps Robert Pastorelli (the painter on CBS' "Murphy Brown" who has a brief but memorable part as a wagon driver), the cast is not comprised of familiar faces. Mary McDowell, who has a large role as a Sioux Indian that Dunbar becomes romantically attached to, is not widely recognized for her role in the critical dud *Matewan*. In this film, however, she does well with the difficult position she is put in as an actress — pretending she knows only fragments of English from her childhood as she translates the Lakota-Sioux dialect to Dunbar and his English into Lakota-Sioux for their holy chief, Kicking Bird.

All the Indians speak the dialect and a good portion of the film is subtitled,

which enhances *Wolves'* authenticity. The Sioux tribe in the movie is depicted accurately: as a peaceful, harmonizing people seeking not the richest possible life, but simply striving for the bare essentials of life.

With Wolves is epic in length, giving it plenty of time (perhaps more than enough) to work with its multiplicity of monumental themes concerning the discovery of harmony with nature, the values of "white man's" society which

The relationship isn't worked into the lofty ideals of the film very well, and each time the romance is addressed, it seems as though the rest of the film is being left behind. Their emotional involvement could have been worked in

problems of the Lakota Indians. An intermission would, quite plausibly, throw the audience off-balance just enough to make the transition imperceptible.

Instead, the film, after the physical romance, conveys a distinct disorientation — as though a radio antenna weren't in the best possible place to receive a station. Things continue onward at a respectable level of intelligence until near the end, when the film thrashes out extremely bitter and cardboardish portrayals of the white man's insensitivity.

Dances With Wolves muddles in the conventionality of revenge on the part of the Sioux, drawing out its justification to the point where it makes you want to scream out in frustration.

Long overdue, the Handi-Wrap ending mostly restores one's confidence in the film's integrity and slides away into the snowy mountains without any serious incidents. Actually proving to be quite an appropriate ending, a dominant theme prevails concerning the path of the "true" human being.

Don't mistake my reservations about the movie as impediments to seeing *Dances With Wolves*; it is surely the most incredibly visual and complete film in years, a classic in its own right. *Dances With Wolves* is well worth the ticket price just for the immense proportions of the integral buffalo hunt, whose sheer dimensions required an entirely separate crew. The hunt itself is indescribable. It is nearly the entire essence of the film — the *piece de resistance* of the whole majestic event.

As the Sioux would say, "Tatonka! Tatonka! Buffalo! Buffalo!"

Overall grade: A



Costner tries to get Two Socks to eat from the palm of his hand.

Costner gives his most enjoyable performance to date with his voice-over narratives used to describe his thoughts. The voice-overs, despite Costner's boyish, insecure voice, are well-utilized since Dunbar has limited emotional contact with anyone until later in the movie when he becomes a welcomed guest on Sioux campgrounds.

At just more than three hours, *Dances*

permit it to take without giving or asking, and the "true" path of each human being's life.

The single most blatant incongruity in the film is the development of a relationship between one of the Sioux women named Stands With Fist (McDowell) and Dunbar. The problem is not so much that it doesn't belong, but rather that its evolution is inevitable.

more effectively, but as it stands, it's more an out-of-place spark than an integral development.

What *Dances With Wolves* desperately calls out for is an intermission. Right after Stands with Fist and Dunbar tent up together would be a perfect time, because the tone of the film subtly changes from an appreciation of life on the Great Plains to the more concrete

The Cure's latest is all 'mixed-up'

Disappointing compilation turns cool hits into annoying dance tracks

by Meredith Fisher

I agonized for an hour in front of my closet, trying to decide what to wear. After all, it's not every day that I get passes to 9:30 Club record release parties. *Mixed Up*, the latest release from The Cure, was being featured, and as The Cure is one of my favorite bands, I expected to relax, meet some cool people and maybe steal a promotional poster from the walls. I met my friends at the club, we flashed our passes at the door and walked in. After 30 long, dull minutes, we left.

The invitations from Elektra Records advertised The Cure's "new" album, and it was only an hour before the party that I discovered that *Mixed Up* is not a collection of new work, but a compilation comprised of remixes of old songs. The 9:30 Club pumped the band's remixed work out of the speakers while showing a video, *The Cure In Orange*, on the screens overhead. I looked at my friends and rolled my eyes sarcastically. This was not the glamorous scene that I had envisioned.

Instead of funky people or even professional-looking record executives, the mass of people packed into the 9:30 Club's back bar was comprised almost exclusively of blond girls in black leather jackets. Their affectation was strangely childlike, reminiscent of The Cure's last concert tour, where half of the crowd was comprised of 12-year-olds who had heard the song "Killing An Arab" and wanted to pretend they were scary punk boys and girls. There I was suffocated by hyperactive, giggling blondes who were under 21 but still grasped half-empty beer bottles in their trembling fingers.

The "food and drink" advertised in the invitation translated

into dried vegetables and dip smeared on stale crackers. I stabbed a wilted carrot stick with my toothpick and stared off into space, wondering why I had bothered showing up for this waste of a night. I could have had more fun sitting in my crowd-free, smoke-free room, listening to old Cure albums. Then again, I could have had more fun locked in a small room with my nagging grandmother force-feeding me a five-gallon vat of Swedish meatballs.

I have never been a fan of remixes, and the songs that are altered and tampered with on this pseudo-new album were perfect in their rough, original form. "Close To Me" and "Inbetween Days," two of The Cure's best songs, have been thrown in a blender and labeled "Closer Mix" and "Shiver Mix": this album is *not* a Cure album, but a fabrication of Elektra Records in an effort to jump on the dance music bandwagon. The original album versions of these songs might not have been danceable, but at least the emotion of Robert Smith's lead vocals was clear. *Mixed Up* tries to mold the distinct sound of The Cure and package it in something palatable for dance music fans. Both the alternative and the dance markets can feed off each other's successes, but I object to this gross exploitation of The Cure's work by their record company. Elektra, leave my Cure alone.

After having gotten so excited about The Cure's listening party, I guess I deserved to be disappointed. Reviewers' copies of the album and press kits were not distributed at the club, and there wasn't any new music that I could listen to. I ate two floppy carrots and leaned against the wall with my friends for a little while. But before we left the club, I made sure to steal a *Mixed Up* poster off the wall to save the night from being a total waste.



Iraq

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Bush won't do that. The hostages are

Bush's, not Hussein's," he said, referring to the article. He said that 18 million Iraqis are being held hostage as a result of the embargo placed on the country by other nations.

Al-Mashat also quoted President Bush as saying, "We are going to draw the line in the sand — we are going to defend Saudi Arabia." He said Ameri-

cans should examine the facts before deciding if Saudi Arabia is in need of protection from Iraq.

Saudi Arabia and Iraq have a non-aggression pact and coordinate oil activities, he said, adding that Iraq took military action against Kuwait on Aug. 2, and the first U.S. soldiers did not arrive until Aug. 8. In those six days "we could have gone right through" Saudi

Arabia, he said.

American leaders and American media are to blame for unjustified American aggression towards Iraq, Al-Mashat said.

"This is the result of one-sided emotionalism that has been generated by this kind of media that has bombarded everybody, brainwashing them to the extent (that) now they talk as if it's become normal taking American boys to massacre . . . Why? Why the United States wanted to attack Iraq? By what right, by what authority? Doesn't that constitute a flagrant aggression on another country?" Al-Mashat asked.

The United Nations does not condone nor give authority to an attack on Iraq by the United States, he said. "There was only one incident (for) which the United Nations gave the sworn authorization that the bulk of the war was on the

burden of the United States — that was in the Korean War," he said.

"It is illegal for the United States to attack Iraq . . . did we take anything from the United States? Did we threaten United States interests?" he said.

Al-Mashat said he came to America believing he should create an environment between Iraq and the United States conducive to good diplomatic and trade relations.

"I came to this country with a specific mission to enlarge our relation with the United States, to have more American trade, . . . to have more American corporations working in Iraq, to sell America our oil and to have more cultural involvement with the United States," Al-Mashat said. "The irony of the situation now is I have to explain, and try to bring the facts to the American people in order to avoid catastrophe."

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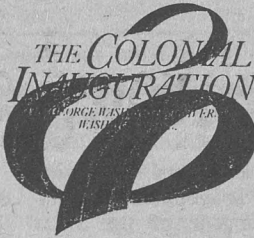
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What are the most common side effects reported in clinical studies with ROGAIINE?

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Other side effects, including light-headedness, dizziness, and headaches were reported by patients using ROGAIINE or placebo (a similar solution without the active medication).

What are some of the side effects people have reported?

The frequency of side effects listed below was similar, except for dermatologic reactions, in the ROGAIINE and placebo groups: Respiratory (bronchitis, upper respiratory infection, sinusitis); Dermatologic (irritant or allergic contact dermatitis, eczema, hyperhidrosis, local erythema, pruritus, dry skin/scalp flaking, exacerbation of hair loss, alopecia); Gastrointestinal (gastritis, nausea, vomiting); Neurologic (headache, dizziness, lightheadedness); Musculoskeletal (fractures, back pain, tendinitis); Cardiovascular (edema, chest pain, blood pressure increases/decreases, palpitation, pulse rate increases/decreases); Allergic (idiosyncratic allergic reactions, hives, allergic rhinitis, local swelling and sensitivity); Special Senses (conjunctivitis, ear infections, vertigo, visual disturbances, including decreased visual acuity); Metabolic; Neurologic (edema, weight gain); Urinary tract (urinary tract infections, renal calculi, urethritis); Genital tract (prostatitis, epididymitis, sexual dysfunction); Psychiatric (anxiety, depression, fatigue); Hematology (lymphadenopathy, thrombocytopenia); Endocrine.

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What are the possible side effects that could affect the heart and circulation when using ROGAIINE?

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Increased heart rate: some patients have reported that their resting heart rate increased by more than 40 beats per minute. Rapid weight gain of more than 5 pounds or swelling (edema) of the face, hands, ankles, or stomach area. Difficulty in breathing, especially when lying down, a result of an increase in body fluids or fluid around the heart. Worsening of, or new onset of, angina pectoris.

When ROGAIINE Topical Solution is used on normal skin, very little minoxidil is absorbed and the possible effects attributed to minoxidil tablets are not expected with the use of ROGAIINE. If, however, you experience any of the possible side effects listed, discontinue use of ROGAIINE and consult your doctor. Presumably, such effects would be most likely if greater absorption occurred — e.g., because ROGAIINE was used on damaged or inflamed skin or in greater than recommended amounts.

In clinical studies, minoxidil in doses higher than would be obtained from topical use in people has caused important heart structure damage. This kind of damage has not been seen in humans given minoxidil tablets for high blood pressure at effective doses.

What factors may increase the risk of serious side effects with ROGAIINE?

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ROGAIINE should be applied only to the scalp and should not be used on other parts of the body, because absorption of minoxidil may be increased and the risk of side effects may become greater. You should not use ROGAIINE if your scalp becomes inflamed, is sunburned, and you should not use it along with other topical treatment medication or your scalp.

Can men with high blood pressure use ROGAIINE?

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Should any precautions be followed?

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NLC marks 20 years of environmental law

by Kathryn Beverly
Hatchet Reporter

GW's National Law Center celebrated the 20th anniversary of its Environmental Law Program this year.

The Environmental Law Program was established in 1970, shortly after the first Earth Day, a day dedicated to saving the environment. "It was started because the University perceived a demand for people to study environmental law," program director Arnold Reitze said. "In addition, the Ford Foundation gave the school money to start a program, sharing the same feelings as the University."

According to a University Relations press release, the Environmental Law Program offers law students a variety of courses in environmental fields. The courses focus mainly on the areas covered by the Environmental Protection Agency, the press release stated, including subjects such as water pollution, air pollution, pesticides and nuclear energy. Fourteen courses are offered, the most popular being the basic introduction to environmental law, Reitze said.

Since 1970, the program has undergone some changes. It has become larger and current enrollment is approximately 100 law students per course in addition to 56 post-J.D. graduate students who have already become lawyers, the press release said.

"Our students come here with a much better undergraduate training," Reitze said. "People come to law school to specifically study environmental law. But we had good students 20 years ago and we have good students now."

Graduates of the program can be found in government agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Departments of Energy and Defense, and in private organizations such as the National Resources Defense Council, the press release said.

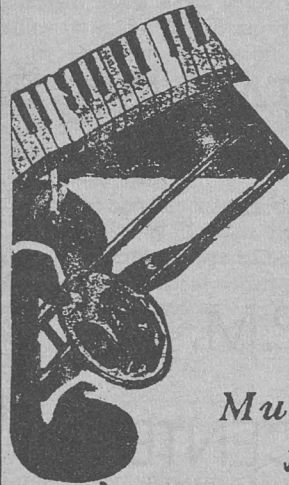
The interest in environmental law, Reitze said, is more prevalent at some times than others. Similar to the case after the first Earth Day, environmental law is popular with law students again, he said, adding the NLC is prepared to meet this demand.

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According to event organizer Yoshi Toyosu, the groups raised \$3,002 for UNICEF. Toyosu said more than 500 people attended the event.

Each group provided a native Asian food, including sushi and rice cakes from Japan and "chwat," a dish made of peas, potatoes, sweet chutney and spices from India.

understand each other sincerely and affectionately regardless of any political, cultural or religious barriers that may exist among us.

"We are here to reaffirm our commitment to sharing our happiness and sorrow in solidarity every day, realizing we are part of the same world and that we seek greater peace and understanding among us," Toyosu said.

The GW Student Association gave the groups \$400 to put on the event, the International Students Society contributed \$180 and each participating organization donated \$30, Toyosu said. Total expenses for the event were \$1,488, he added.

"We are here to show we can work to

-Jim Peterson

CONFLICTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

IS RELIGION PART OF
THE PROBLEM OR PART
OF THE SOLUTION?



Students call for changes at GW

'Call to Action' demands democratization and agenda definition

by Corene Kendrick

Hatchet Staff Writer

GW administrators need to define their agenda and democratize the decision-making process so students can have more input in how their tuition money is spent, said students and alumni attending a "Student Call to Action" meeting Tuesday night in the Marvin Center.

"We are looking for constructive criticism," meeting organizer Dana Hollish said. "There is a lot of hostility on the campus and no solutions are being offered."

"Our first step is to get focused and get factual information down," she added. "Only then can we go to the administration with our proposals."

GW Student Association President Frank Petramale said, "This can begin communication between students and administrators."

The meeting opened with a discussion of adding "sexual orientation" to the University's anti-discrimination clause. The approximately 12 people at the event decided that although the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students

passed a bill this week recommending that sexual orientation be added to the clause, they would put pressure on administrators and the Board of Trustees to force them to include this provision.

The group then discussed GW's new double-decker bus and the recent addition of engraved bricks to the courtyard area on the east side of the Gelman Library. Both short-term and long-term goals for dealing with the issues were defined.

"In the short term, we need to stop the bricks and start spending more money on books," Robert Johnson, another organizer, said. "In the long term, we need to get more information to the students."

Those at the meeting said the bus — used by the Office of Admissions for tours of the District for prospective students and visitors — should also be used for students in a variety of ways, including providing transportation to and from consortium schools in the area.

"GW needs to start spending more money on people paying tuition and less money on people not paying tuition,"

Johnson said. According to the group, the bus and brick issues are typical examples of GW focusing on image, not education or substance.

The topic of improving departments and developing an African-American Studies department was also discussed. GW Black People's Union President Eugene Pair said, "Let's have a multicultural program, and not just a multicultural student body."

Students addressed the plausibility of getting professors from other universities to teach African-American classes. GW would attract more minority students if there was a better minority studies program, the group decided.

The possible expansion of the women's studies program was also reviewed. "Student involvement is needed in curriculum issues, and more than just token involvement," student Beth Kanter said.

Safety on campus was another topic of concern. Poorly lit areas, the lack of working security phones and the unreliability of the student escort program were problems cited as needing to be resolved.

News briefs

All students returning texts to the bookstore must fill out an information form which includes the number of books returned and the student's name, address, social security number, signature and ID number to insure that stolen books aren't returned for cash, GW Bookstore Manager Jim Kuhlman said.

"We used to have students write out the titles of the books, but it took too long. It's a tradeoff. We provide better service with less information," he said.

Kuhlman said there has been only one instance of a person being caught return-

ing stolen books this semester.

"If people steal books, they usually go to another school to return them," he said. "They're not coming here."

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Sixteen GW students have contributed to the well-being of a county, while furthering their expertise in their field of study, according to Doran McGrath, director of GW's Institute for Urban Development Research.

The 16 urban development majors were required to propose a plan for the re-organization of an abandoned

11-mile road running from Georgetown to Silver Spring, Md., McGrath said.

The study provided the students with a real-life planning problem, McGrath said. The students suggested that authorities install a trail for hiking and bicycling parallel to the abandoned stretch, and a monorail to service the area around the Bethesda Metrorail station, McGrath added.

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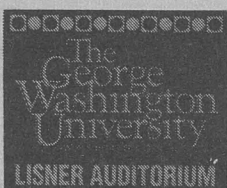
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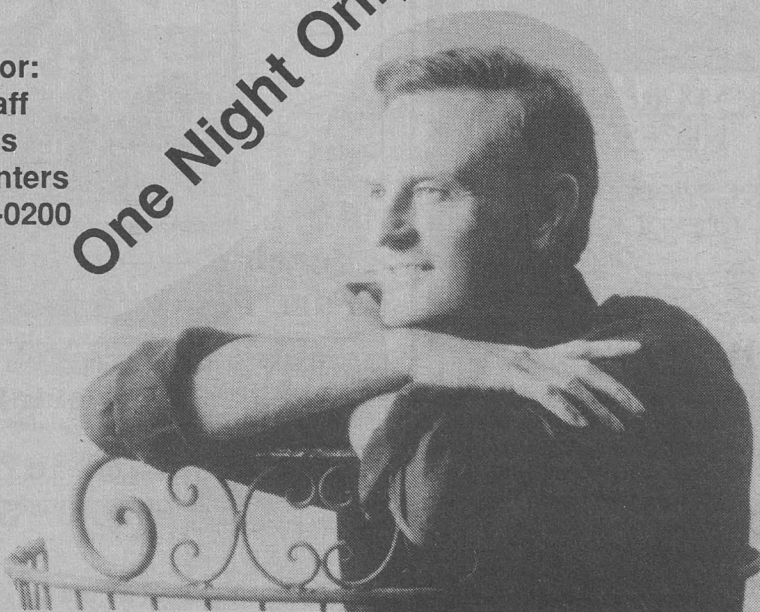
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A white 1988 Volkswagen Fox parked in the 900 block of New Hampshire Avenue was broken into between

Security beat

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, Harwell said. Someone smashed the front passenger window of the car and stole approximately \$500 in cassette tapes, \$220 worth of clothing, a backpack, a bottle of wine and a six-pack of beer. The total estimated loss is \$763, Harwell said.

Shortly before 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 3, an unidentified male called a Gelman Library employee and said a bomb had been placed in the building, Harwell said. The library was evacuated and D.C. Metropolitan Police Department officers and specially trained bomb-sniffing dogs were called in to search the building. No evidence of a bomb was found and students were able to return to the building at 7:05 p.m., Harwell said.

A Marriott Food Service employee reported that \$250 in cash and various forms of identification were stolen from

him while he was asleep between 4 and 5 p.m. on Nov. 3. While taking a break, he said, he fell asleep on a sofa in the Marvin Center's second-floor lobby. At approximately 5 p.m., he was awakened by another Marriott employee, and discovered his empty wallet laying beside him on the sofa.

About 3:30 a.m. Nov. 4, unknown persons threw several empty beer bottles from a window in Munson Hall, striking a red Nissan Sentra parked in the lot between Milton and Munson halls. The bottles broke the rear window of the Nissan. Harwell said security has witnesses to the event, and the case is still under investigation.

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Former NSC adviser talks of White House bureaucracy

by Paul Connolly

Hatchet Staff Writer

Constantine Menges, a National Security Council adviser during the Reagan administration, discussed the role the NSC plays in the operation of the executive branch and occasionally criticized the bureaucracy of the Reagan White House, at a speech Tuesday night in Fungler Hall.

Menges, author of the book *Inside the NSC*, spoke to approximately 45 people at the event, which was sponsored by GW's College Republicans.

According to Menges, U.S. foreign policy has consisted of five basic activities since the end of World War II: diplomatic relations, economic aid, information, creation of a standing army and the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"Congress decided the president needed help coordinating these areas. Well, they gave him the NSC," Menges said.

He said the NSC has four intrinsic functions: to ensure the president makes key decisions under NSC advisement, to oversee the president's implementation of the decision, to coordinate activities involving U.S. foreign policy and to watch for "opportunities, actions and threats."

Menges called the NSC "the eyes and ears of the president."

If the NSC is functioning properly, he said, then executive decisions should be able to run more smoothly and constructively. "One of the main jobs of an NSC adviser is to make sure all the other advisers are present when the president is making a decision," Menges said.

He used as support for his argument a recent situation in which the State Department was trying to draw up a proposed treaty for Central America. The treaty was discussed in the absence of certain advisers, he said, adding, "In this situation the president would literally have been the last person to know about what was happening."

Menges also spoke about an incident he mentions in his book, in which he wrote a letter to President Reagan expressing concerns about operations in the White House, but had problems getting the president to read the letter.

"When you would give a letter to (Reagan), he would give it to (then-Chief of Staff) Don Regan to be staffed out, who in turn would give it to (then-National Security Adviser) Robert McFarland, who would then throw it in

a wastebasket," Menges said.

Menges said he found an alternate route to get the letter to Reagan, but it also failed. He called this an "unbelievable stroke of luck," because if Reagan had read the letter, it would have probably resulted in Menges being fired.

"The last time that I saw the letter was during the Iran-contra trial," he said.

When questioned about his opinion on the handling of the crisis in the Persian Gulf, Menges cited several problems with the United States' actions.

"July was a period of incredible error by the Bush administration," Menges said. "(Hussein) was asking questions and everyone was ignoring him."

He said "a single phone call would have been able to stop the invasion," adding that once the "errors of July

were over, "Bush was right to define his objectives clearly and then to mobilize."

Menges said the United States is justified to have forces in foreign countries. "(The United States) is not an island. We can't retreat into 'Fortress America.' We wouldn't have had 40 years of peace in Europe without U.S. involvement," he said.

Menges expressed dissatisfaction with the current sub-Cabinet White House staff. He said the advisers have "lost a sense of ethics" — the result of manipulation within the executive branch.

"We got to the point where you didn't know if you were being told the truth about big things," Menges said. "You can't run a government like that."

Kuwait

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"This is the whole world against Saddam Hussein. Don't let him trick you into believing it is just the United States against Saddam Hussein," Al-Sabah said.

Al-Sabah said he is confident the Iraqis will be expelled from Kuwait because of the support his nation has received. "There is no doubt as to the seriousness and the determination of our friends and allies around the world," he said.

The ambassador thanked the United States and the United Nations for their quick response last August to the Iraqi invasion.

"How can we ever go wrong with the actions that have been taken by civilized nations, the superpowers and our friends and allies around the world?" he asked. A coalition of more than 26 nations — including Arab nations and western allies — are actively opposing the Iraqi invasion, Al-Sabah said.

"Kuwait will be free again. Kuwait will be independent again. Kuwait will be sovereign again. The great international crime that has been committed

against Kuwait has already been tried and it has already been convicted and we are waiting for the sentence," he said.

Al-Sabah refuted Iraq's claim that his country is overproducing oil. "We said if you are able to export your own oil, we are willing, right now, to cut our production and you can go ahead and sell your own oil. They seem to forget that Kuwait's oil policy was always based on Iraq's interests," Al-Sabah said.

He also denied Iraqi claims that Kuwait took oil fields from them. The two oil wells in question lie three miles within Kuwait's internationally recognized boundary. The wells produce only 10,000 to 12,000 barrels a day, he said. "This is hardly a scratch in our daily production, and hardly enough to ruin their economy," he said.

He endorsed the sanctions currently being levied against Iraq, but said he had hopes of stricter measures. "If Iraq

allows foreign correspondents to see the atrocities inside Kuwait against civilians, then maybe we will have hope for sanctions and an embargo will take place," he said.

Al-Sabah called the current state of the crisis a "crossroads of peace and war."

"The choice is Saddam Hussein's choice . . . If he chooses to stay and challenge the whole world order, then the choices are very narrow and very

narrow indeed," he said.

In a question and answer session following the speech, Al-Sabah denied a suggestion that U.S. involvement with the Middle East crisis is comparable to its involvement in the Vietnam War.

"In Vietnam, it was something the United States was stuck with alone for many years. I don't see here the loss of public support . . . If this thing ever

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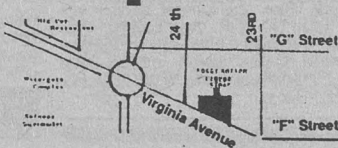
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erupts it will only be a matter of days, not weeks or months," Al-Sabah said.

When questioned why Kuwait did not anticipate the Iraqi attack after being aware of previous Iraqi invasions of other Arab nations, Al-Sabah said Kuwait saw the mobilization of Iraqi

troops three to four weeks before the invasion. He said that Iraq along with other Arab nations had consulted the United Nations about their concern, and Iraqi officials in Baghdad told the U.S. ambassador that an attack would not take place.

"We had two choices — we could either believe him and continue negotiations or we call our own troops in defense. We had to either believe (Saddam Hussein's) words given to responsible leaders or not believe his words," he said.

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Virginia (after the loss of dominant Penn State). We can come in third, both the men's and women's teams. Just judging from the UDC meet, I think we can do well."

Zito's goals for his teams in the future include recognition as a

national program. He says that if the NCAA cuts scholarships for athletics, GW would be in a position to do well because it does not have a varsity track and field program to sustain.

"I would like to dominate the A-10 or other conference we are in," he said. "Your first season you can't make that for men (due to the distance increases from two miles in high school to six in college). It is easier for women to make the transition (from two to three miles)."

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for grabs," Glover said.

The other three seniors are Sonya Tormoen, Sheri Littlefield and Schafer. "All five seniors played an active role for the team over the last four years," Glover said.

The Colonial women will have all its forwards returning next year, including scoring leader junior Lisa Zifcak. "The key to success next year certainly is Zifcak and (junior Beth) Rife have to score consistently. (Suzanne) Stragand has to stay injury-free and I think (Cara) Eichenlaub has got to use her first-year experience and develop into a college player," according to Glover.

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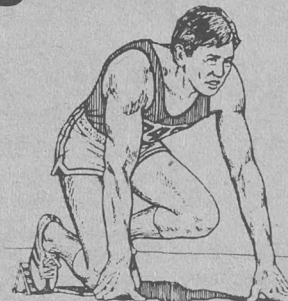
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SPORTS

Spikers fall to UVA, beat Bison at home

by Yosefi Seltzer
Hatchet Sports Writer

Fatigue overtook the Colonial women this week as they fell to the University of Virginia, 15-10, 15-7 and 15-6, Wednesday in Charlottesville, preceded by a 15-4, 15-2 and 15-12 sweep of Howard Tuesday at the Smith Center.

In the midst of their third stretch of seven matches in seven days this season, GW head coach Susie Homan said the Colonial women (17-16 overall, 7-1 in the Atlantic 10 Conference) are weary from travel. "We haven't had a weekend off the entire season," she added.

The loss marks the fourth straight to the Cavaliers since GW last beat UVA in 1986. GW maintains the lifetime series lead 6-4.

Homan said the Colonial women did not play well as a team or individually, adding the team appeared drained.

"We didn't play aggressive. We need to strengthen up mentally," Homan said. "We were capable of winning the match but didn't. We are physically and mentally tired, (but we) can't use that as an excuse."

In their last home match of the season Tuesday, team captains Allison O'Neill and Kris Knight did not disappoint the crowd of 157 as they led a smooth and steady GW attack in beating the overwhelmed Bisons (16-20, 11-2 in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference).

Prior to the match, O'Neill and Knight received plaques from Homan and bouquets from Senior Associate

Director of Athletics and Recreation Mary Jo Warner, commemorating their four-year careers.

The seniors subsequently led GW's team attack — which amassed 36 kills, a .333 attack average, eight service aces and seven team blocks in the winning effort.

Although beginning tentatively, O'Neill, Knight and Cinnamon Burnim pounded hits by the Bison back row — taking leads of 6-1 and 12-2 before closing out on a Burnim block.

In the second game, O'Neill and Knight continued to throw Howard's offense off balance with overwhelming jump-serves and blasts from the net that left the Bisons clearly frustrated.

Leading 11-3 in the third game, the Colonial women allowed the Bisons a 9-0 run, putting Howard up 12-11, but GW held on to win as O'Neill converted three consecutive kills followed by a Webster block to recapture the final game.

O'Neill finished with match-highs 12 kills, four service aces and 10 digs, and Knight muscled out 11 kills, eight digs and a .600 attack percentage.

Burnim said she came into the match trying to stay focused and not dwell on the fact that it was Knight's and O'Neill's last home match.

"Their bodies can be replaced, but not their spirit," Burnim said. "It's everything that they do — they were great captains. They are preparing me for my captain's duties."

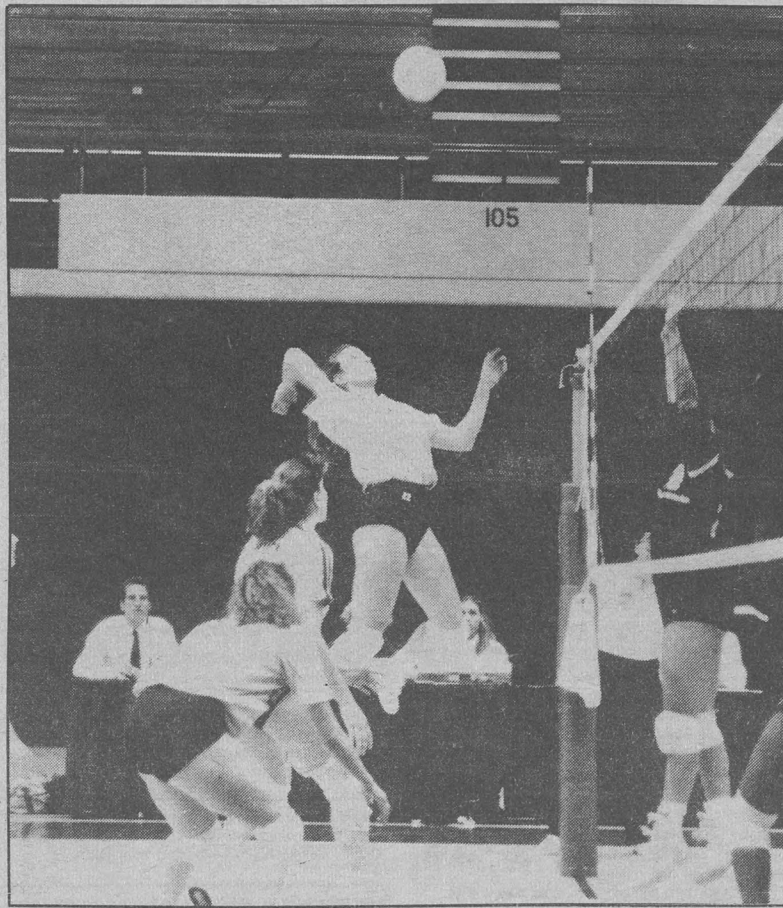


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The Colonial women have dropped four out of their last six matches.

This weekend's road matches will present challenges for the Colonial women, according to Homan.

"We will definitely be the underdog in all matches this weekend," she said. "We really want to perform well in preparation for the (A-10) tournament

(November 16-18)."

Spikes — The Colonial women close out their regular season at the Florida State Classic November 9-10. Friday GW faces Houston at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday GW faces the Seminoles at 11 a.m. and Fresno State at 5 p.m.

Cagers to play exhibition game

by Scott Jared
Hatchet Sports Writer

The Mike Jarvis era in Colonial basketball will unofficially begin tomorrow as the men's basketball team plays its first game of the 1990-1991 season in an exhibition contest against Marathon Oil, 7:30 p.m. at the Smith Center.

First-year head coach Jarvis said Friday's game will give him an opportunity to judge the Colonials' performance. "It's an opportunity for me to gauge our progress as a team and as individuals," he said.

While the players will see time in Friday's match-up based on their performance in practice, Jarvis said, most of the team will play in the game.

Jarvis was hired from Boston University to replace John Kuester after last year's season. Jarvis had a 101-51 record throughout his five seasons as head coach.

Jarvis inherits a GW team which has not had a winning season since 1983-84 and posted an NCAA record 27 losses in a 1-27 1988-89 campaign. The Colonials return four starters — seniors Ellis McKennie, Matt Nordman, Glen Sitney and sophomore Sonni Holland — from last year's 14-17 team.

McKennie led GW in scoring last season and was a third-team All-Atlantic 10 Conference selection. McKennie averaged 16.3 points and 5.8 assists per game while starting all 31 games as point guard.

Nordmann, a shooting guard, averaged 8.5 points and 2.8 rebounds per game last season and started in all 31 games.

Swingman Glen Sitney averaged 12.9 points and 5.9 rebounds — second to graduated senior Mike Jones in boards per game — starting every game last season.

Holland, a forward, was a member of the A-10 All-Freshman team last year. He started 15 games last season and averaged 11 points and 4.8 rebounds last season.

The Colonials have one freshman on this year's squad, 5-11 guard Alvin Pearsall. Pearsall averaged 15 points, 9.5 assists, four rebounds and three steals a game for Bartow (Fla.) High School. He was also a member of Bartow's state championship team in 1988.

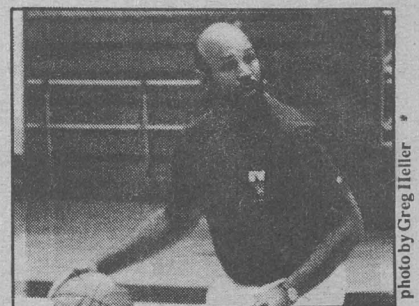


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GW coach Mike Jarvis

X-country to become varsity sport in 1991

by Ted Gotsch
Sports Editor

Most people would be intimidated to be starting an athletic program at a Division I university. But GW cross-country head coach Joe Zito does not see it that way.

Zito, head coach of Tulane University's men's and women's cross-country teams from 1982-85, has put a club team together this year made up of freshmen and walk-ons, many of whom competed for the track club last year. Cross-country will become a varsity sport for both men and women in Fall 1991 and the teams will compete in the Atlantic 10 Conference at Fort DuPont near the Capitol.

"For not having a team (in the past), I was very favorably surprised with the talent," Zito said. He said that Steve Lynum, president of the track club, and freshman Stacey LaFleur are the best of his current crop of 20 runners.

Recruiting for next year's varsity squad has gone well, according to Zito, who noted that GW's academic reputation has helped him recruit. He said it does not take long to build a good cross-country program.

"I've sent out several hundred letters to coaches as well as hundreds of athletes," he said. "A number of

outstanding athletes have expressed interest. I've heard from four of the top 10 (cross-country runners in the nation) . . . no one has any negative connotations when they think of running at George Washington."

The track club will be an influential part of the cross-country team, especially long-distance runners, according to Zito.

"Our cross-country team is complemented by outdoor track," he said. "Even though we don't have a track team, it is important for conditioning of cross-country (runners). There is as much emphasis on cross-country as outdoor track."

GW has competed in the University of the District of Columbia Invitational and several road races this fall, and distance runners will be able to compete as individuals at outdoor track events to supplement the cross-country program, according to Zito.

Though he does anticipate a transition period during which high school runners will have to get used to running greater distances in college, Zito said he expects big things out of GW.

"I think we will do well in the Atlantic 10," Zito said. "We will still have a tough opponent in West

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Booter's Glover is satisfied with season

by Holger Stolzenberg
Hatchet Sports Writer

It has been a year of ups and downs, but GW women's soccer coach Adrian Glover says it has been a very positive season. Despite having scoring problems early on, the Colonial women still had a winning record of 11-8-2.

"I thought we had a lot of positives in that we beat two Top-20 teams," Glover said. "We've never beaten a Top-20 team before, so obviously that was a real highlight for us."

GW beat 18th-ranked Cincinnati, 1-0, Sept. 8 in Ohio and 15th-ranked Central Florida, 2-0, Oct. 8 at home.

Glover went on to say the Colonials had some initial problems with scoring, giving the team disappointing results. "That sort of hurt us in making this a really fabulous season," he said.

Glover said the road trips to Colorado and New York were positives. "We won two out of three in Colorado and finished up very strongly in New York against two regional teams."

On the negative side, Glover said the Colonial women should have beaten American, who they lost to, 1-0, Oct. 14 at AU. "We are a lot better team than American, James Madison and we also probably should have beaten Xavier (Oh.). Those are three games that sort of slipped away," Glover said.

Assistant coach Shannon Higgins has been one of the most positive additions

to the team, according to Glover and many players. "Usually on a team, all the players have an individual style, and Higgins has brought style to the team as a whole," Glover said.

"Even though it might have not been evident on our record, many things happened because of Higgins," senior Maureen Schafer said. "I'm happy to have been a part of it."

Co-captain Donna Wagner said, "We played in a pattern form, or systematic form, because of Higgins. The team has been playing up a (higher) level because of her."

The Colonial women will only lose five players this year, which Glover said is a positive note for next season. Most of the positions are already filled.

Goalkeeper, co-captain and All-American Lora Mozer is one of those five players. Mozer finished the season with nine shutouts and 0.92 goals-against average in 1,755 minutes. Mozer's understudy, Kerry Diczkaniec, will replace her next season. Diczkaniec, a sophomore, had three shutouts and a 0.00 goals-against average in 255 minutes this season.

Stopper and Academic All-American Wagner has also played her last game as a Colonial. Wagner's spot will be the hardest to fill, according to Glover. "We have one hole in the back four that is up

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